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## THE MASQUERADERS.

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easy movement. "But sticking his different effects. Some men run to seed, others mature. I had almost put you down on the black list, but I've altered my mind in the last two months."

Again Leder stirred in his seat. A host of emotions were stirring in his mind. Every word from Leder was another stimulus to pride, another subtle tribute to the curious force of personality.

"Well?" he said. "Well?" Leder smiled. "We all know that Seaborough's ministry is—well, top-heavy," he said. "Seaborough is building his card house just a story too high. It's a toss up what'll upset the balance. It might be the army, of course, or it might be education, but it might quite as well be a matter of foreign policy."

They looked at each other in comprehensive silence.

"You know as well as I that it's not the question of whether Russia comes into Persia, but the question of whether Russia goes out of Persia when the Hazaras are subdued? I'll lay you what you like, Childe, that within one week we hear that the Russians are suppressed, but that Russia, instead of retiring, has advanced these tempting twenty miles and comfortably ensconced herself at Meshed—as she encountered herself on the island of Ashurada." Leder's nervous, energetic figure was braced, his light blue eyes brightened by the intensity of his interest.

"If this news comes before the Easter recess," he went on, "the first nail can be hammered in on the motion for adjournment. And if the right man does it in the right way I'll lay my life 'twill be a nail in Seaborough's coffin." Leder sat very still. Overwhelming possibilities had suddenly opened before him. In a moment the unreality of the past months had become real; a tangible justification of himself and his imposture was suddenly made possible. In the stress of understanding he, too, leaned forward, and, resting his elbows on the desk, took his face between his hands.

For a space Leder made no remark. To him man and man's moods came second in interest to his paper and his party politics. That Childe should be conscious of the glories he had opened up seemed only natural; that he should show that consciousness in a becoming gravity seemed only right. For some seconds he made no attempt to disturb him, but at last his own irrepressible activity made silence unendurable. He caught up his pencil and tapped impatiently on the desk.

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About a year ago young Cross, while at work in the shipyard, fell and fractured his skull. He lay at the point of death for some time, and as days, weeks and months passed by he improved very slowly. He never seemed to be fully conscious, slept most of the time, and often was roused to take nourishment only with great difficulty.

Recently the young man's case attracted the attention of several physicians, who came to the conclusion that an operation was necessary to restore the patient's memory and health, if not to save his life. The boy's parents were unable to bear the expense of hospital treatment, but he was placed in a hospital as a city patient, and there the doctors performed the operation. A piece of bone about three-quarters of an inch square was removed from the skull, relieving the pressure upon the brain which had caused the patient's stupor.

After the operation Cross sat up in bed and recognized his anxious relatives. His mind seems to be restored to normal, and he is now able to tell just how the accident which robbed him of his faculties occurred.

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## COW PUNCHER SHOTS THINGS IN NEW YORK

Knocks Ashes From Saloonkeeper's Cigar and Does Other Stunts Not Relished by Tenderloin.

New York.—Recently there came to this city from a ranch in Arizona James H. Murphy, a cow puncher. He hired a room directly above the saloon of August F. Schmidt and tried to conform to the quiet ways of the city.

But the other night the spirit of the ranch—and, perhaps other kinds of spirits—awakened in him a desire for a real western time, and he started out to "shoot up the town." He buckled on a cartridge belt and chucked a raw barreled pistol in the holster.

His "whoop" as he entered the saloon of Schmidt acted like the gust of a tornado. A score of customers rushed to shelter as though blown there. Murphy flourished his revolver and declared that he was the "crackiest shot that ever cracked." Then he began to shoot.

Murphy decided to try his marksmanship on Schmidt. Schmidt had a lighted cigar in his mouth.

"Hold still and let me knock your ashes off for you," roared Murphy. Schmidt, afraid of being shot if he disobeyed, stood as quietly as extreme agitation would allow. Crack! went the pistol and off tumbled the cigar ashes.

"Now for a lock of your hair," laughed Murphy, and again the pistol spoke nipping several hairs from the terrified saloonkeeper's head. "This is a corking shooting gallery," said the cowboy, turning his weapon at other objects. He picked off glasses, chopped the heads off bottles, shot out the sunburst designs in the cut glass mirrors, broke the light globes, and when he had finished his fusillade there was hardly a whole piece of glass in the place. Schmidt said he also shot a cherry out of a customer's cocktail glass.

Meantime a customer had telephoned to a police station, and two policemen arrived and arrested Murphy.

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To his feet, and the fellow bounded against the smoldering back log in the fireplace. Singed hair and scorched paws added to the discomfort, and around the room he went like a tabby seized with a fit.

The men grabbed chairs, axes, stove-wood used in the mosshouse range and other implements and got after the feline, which was far more terrified than they were surprised, and after the contents of the room had been pretty well wrecked a blow on the head put him out of business. "Seedy Bill" took the jackpot.

## CHINESE CRUSOES IN PORT.

Put to Sea on a Raft, Leaving Comrades on Desert Isle.

Singapore.—The Nam Sang, arrived here from Hong Kong, picked up three emaciated Chinese coolies on a bamboo raft. The men, who are very thin, say that a month ago they sailed from Singapore in a junk, the persons on the craft numbering eight all told.

Everything went well till their voyage had been a week in progress, and then one morning a terrible storm arose and their vessel was whirled before it like a cork.

After driving before the gale for some hours the junk suddenly went to pieces on a small island and with good luck they all managed to get ashore, though they were severely bruised and battered in the surf.

For two weeks the eight men remained on the island, eating shellfish and drinking water caught in the crevices of rocks. As no sail hoisted in sight, three of the most daring decided to build a raft and put to sea in the hope of drifting into the track of steamers.

With the aid of their comrades the three adventurers built a raft out of giant bamboos, which grew in profusion on the island, and with a stock of dried fish and a little water put to sea one day amid the farewell shouts of their less daring comrades.

For six days the buoyant bamboo raft drifted steadily away from the island without a single sail appearing on the horizon, and as their stock of food and water was gone the men prepared to die.

On the evening of the sixth day, however, smoke was seen on the horizon and then the hull of a steamer came into view making right for the castaways.

The coolies say that they believe their five comrades on the lonely island to be still alive, but they can not give its position.

## Turn Your Face to the Sun.

A man who can laugh outside when he is crying inside, who can smile when he feels badly, has a great accomplishment. We all love the one who believes the sun shines when he cannot see it. A potted rose in a window will turn its face away from the darkness toward the light. Turn it as often as you will, it always turns away from the darkness and lifts its face upward toward the sun.—Success.

The Brute. She always addressed him as Mr. Until he took courage and Kr. But now that they're wed Like a brute he has said That he wishes to goodness he'd Mr. —Pearson's Weekly.

No Wonder. Foote Light—And you say she can't believe a thing her husband says? Miss Sue Brette—Certainly she can't! Her husband is her press agent!—Yonkers Statesman.

Poverty and Wealth. Miss De Pretry—I was out riding today with Mr. Swellhead, the editor of the Hightone Magazine. Poor Author (rival suitor)—Did he pay for the rig in postage stamps? —N. Y. Weekly.

The Usual Way. "Does your father keep an automobile?" "No; he doesn't keep it. He merely borrows it from the repair-shop when it happens to be in running order."—Judge.

Not So Bad. "I hope you don't feel nervous, Jim?" "I am a little uneasy, William, but I'm not so horribly scared yet that I've got to claim I ain't afraid."—Life.

## NOTES ABOUT BRIDGES.

The famous Niagara suspension bridge was begun in 1832 and completed in 1855. It is 245 feet above the water and 821 feet long.

The Forth bridge over the Firth of Forth, near Edinburgh, has two cantilever spans each 1,710 feet in length. The longest in the world. The total length of this structure is one and four-sevenths miles, and there was 51,900 tons of steel used in its construction.

One of the most peculiar bridges in the world is the tubular suspension bridge across Menai strait. This bridge consists of two lines of immense tubing, each 1,500 feet long, supported by three granite towers besides the shore abutments. This strange bridge is 100 feet above the sea, and weighs 11,000 tons.

There have been several London bridges. There was one at the end of the tenth century, and another in 1014 built of wood. In 1176 Colechurch began a stone bridge across the Thames, which was not finished until 1209. The new London bridge was begun in 1824 and completed in seven years at the cost of one and a half million dollars.

One of Many. Mr. De Dude—Cawn't I introduce you to my friend Arthur Wemington? He is a litewawy man, you saw. Miss De Belle—Indeed! Mr. De Dude—Aw, yes. He see Society News a list of the gues the last party, and the editah ted it, bah Jove!—N. Y. Week!

## WHEN WOMEN QUARREL.

"You know how I despised her. I have had my revenge." "Gracious, Katherine! I hope you have done nothing desperate!" "Yes, I have done my worst." "Merciful goodness! You haven't killed her, have you?" "No, but listen. I laughed at her hat."

"My!" "And her waist." "Gracious!" "And ridiculed the bang of her skirt." "My!" "And, to make my revenge complete, I made faces at her baby. Now, who can say I did not get even?"—Chicago Daily News.

A Faulty Theory. Do you know what I believe about myself? I asked the man with the mystical eyes and the straggling whiskers.

"No. What do you believe about yourself?" mechanically asked the weary listener.

"I believe that I am the reincarnation of Napoleon."

"Nonsense! No matter how much confidence Napoleon had in himself, he wouldn't have wanted to start in at the bottom all over again."—Judge.

Two Failures. Homely Man—I married for beauty. Sarsacric Man—You remind me of a friend of mine who married for money.

Homely Man—How's that? Sarsacric Man—He didn't get it.—Chicago Daily News.

## The Fly and the Flea.

A fly and a flea and a flea.

Were imprisoned, so what could they do?

Said the flea: "Let us fly."

So they flew through a flaw in the flea.

—Pearson's Weekly.

## Domestic Amenities.

He—It's absolutely useless to argue further—you know that. My will is of iron. She—Yes, I know—pigiron.—London Opinion.

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## HER MAIDENLY MODESTY.

The first time they met, she was breezily free with him, because, as she afterwards explained, she never expected to see him again. He kissed her at parting, and she was not offended.

But when they had become friends, do you imagine she would suffer him to kiss her? Not she.

And now that they have fallen in love with each other, and are engaged to be married, she is afraid to meet him, except in the presence of a third person, lest she be compromised. For she is a modest girl.—Puck.

Stabbed. "How is it that you and your husband have so much trouble, dear?" "When he married me he said that all I would have to do would be to look beautiful." "And now he gets angry because you can not do it?"—Houston Post.

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Didn't Suit Her. The Judge—Where's your wife? The Prisoner—At home, your honor. "Wasn't she subpoenaed also to be in court?" "Yes, your honor." "Well, why didn't she come?" "She heard that a person was not allowed to talk only when spoken to in court, your honor!"—Yonkers Statesman.

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